

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, November 23, 1896, with transcript

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL TO MABEL (Hubbard) BELL Beinn Bhreagh, C. B.
November 23, Monday, 1896. My darling:

I have just seen the copy of your last letter to the Library Committee — or rather to Mr. Kennan — again — and I find that you have opened up the question again so that it will be necessary for the Committee to meet — I suppose — and consider your proposition. This makes a little conflict with my letter to Miss McCurdy — but it doesn't matter much. It simply relates to the management of the Reading-Room. Will the Library Committee undertake it well and good? If not will Miss McCurdy undertake it? That is all — and while the people are considering who are to manage it — I will open the Reading-Room!

Mr. McInnis has gone over to town to examine the Hall — and report to me what should be done. Tomorrow we will send over our piles of unused magazines and any other literature we can spare — the large tables out of the Library and Study — the book shelves from the warehouse — also the large lamp from warehouse and whatever may be necessary. Will place Frank McKeen — or failing him — Freddie McInnis — in temporary charge and the Reading-Room will be opened on your birthday my dear. Goodbye.

Your loving husband, Alec. P. S. Lots of people will have benefitted by the Reading-Room by the time Miss McCurdy and the Library Committee have decided who is to manage it!
A.G.B.